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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: KANDAHAR CEMENT

REFS: A) STATE 153941 B) STATE 154248

1. IN MEETING TODAY, JULY 3, WITH MINISTER OF PLANNING KHURRAM, AMBASSADOR PASSED ALONG TO HIM INFO CONTAINED REFTELS, STRESSING BOTH CONTINUED INTEREST OF FULLER/FISCHBACH AND POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING FINANCING ASSISTANCE FROM EXIM, CITIBANK, AND CHASE MANHATTAN. KHURRAM EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HAVING DETAILS OF FINANCING PACKAGE AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE. KHURRAM ALSO SAID THE NEW AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO IRAN, MALIKYAR, WILL SOON ARRIVE IN TEHRAN AND WILL, AS A PRIORITY ITEM OF BUSINESS, TAKE UP WITH THE IRANIANS THE STATUS OF THE CEMENT PLANT PROJECT.

2. ACTION REQUESTED. DEPARTMENT AND TEHRAN MAY WISH TO PASS ABOVE TO FULLER COMPANY REPS IN CATASAQUA AND TEHRAN. DEPARTMENT ALSO REQUESTED TO CLARIFY WHAT TYPE OF FINANCING ARRANGEMENT EXIM AND OTHERS

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HAVE IN MIND. WE ASSUME THIS WOULD BE SOME FORM OF COOPERATIVE FINANCING (10 FAM 930), BUT FULLER'S REFERENCE TO "GUARANTOR OUTSIDE AFGHANISTAN" DOES NOT FIT WITH SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT. AFTER DETAILS ARE CLARIFIED, WE WILL ASSESS DESIRABILITY OF VISITS TO KABUL BY FULLER OR FINANCIAL REPS.
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